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HEATED TIME AT NON-PARTISAN MEET

BUTTERS-IN SUFFER THE USUAL FATE

Peaceable Meeting by Akron Non-Partisan Club Interrupted by Trailers and Hecklers, Who Receive a Castigation They Should Remember.

A rare occasion for Medina was the non-partisan meeting in the park last Friday night. Rare, not only because of the unusual and seemingly anomalous position of the organization under whose auspices the meeting was held, but also for the unexpected fun injected into it toward the close.

Those responsible for the meeting are members of what is known as the Young Men's Davey Club of Akron, composed of Republicans and Democrats, the former predominating. The club was formed for the sole and openly avowed purpose of assisting in the defeat of Chas. L. Knight, Republican candidate for Congress in this the 14th district, and in the election of the present Democratic Congressman, Martin L. Davey.

The Republican members of the Young Men's Davey Club, prominent business and professional men of Akron, announced emphatically their purpose to vote the entire Republican ticket, with the single exception of the Republican Congressional candidate, Chas. L. Knight, whom they class as absolutely unfit to serve, in every particular save intellectuality.

It is generally conceded that Knight is above the average in intelligence and cleverness.

The chief purpose of the meeting Friday night was to bring to the men and women of Medina some first hand information as to Knight's unfitness. This was done, and in the most interesting and convincing manner.

The principal speakers were D. C. Stephenson and James Shaw, Republicans, and W. L. Wilkie, Democrat. Others who spoke will be mentioned further on. The meeting was called to order and presided over by Rev. W. H. Bryenton of the local Methodist church, following a brief concert by the Medina band.

Mr. Shaw was the first speaker. Shaw is one of the foremost business men of Akron, where he has resided for more than a score of years, and where he has had ample opportunity to watch and study the conduct of Chas. L. Knight. Shaw proclaimed Knight's notoriously un-American editorial policy throughout the period of the late war, his unmitigated arrogance, and last of all his immorality, which, said Shaw, of itself, should stamp Knight as absolutely unfit for the high office to which he aspires.

During his remarks Shaw alluded to one Sam Cole of Akron, a soldier in the late war, who, Shaw declared, had at one time openly repudiated Knight, but had subsequently permitted his name to appear in Knight's paper as sponsoring Knight's candidacy. Still later, said Shaw, Cole apologized for the article in the paper by saying he had been misquoted. In the light of his wabbling, Shaw accorded to Cole the "back-bone of a jelly-fish."

Both Wilkie and Stephenson, in their addresses, dwelt particularly upon Knight's moral and un-patriotic unfitness for his election to Congress. Two or three other members of the club, previously unheeded, were present and spoke briefly in support of the accusations made against Knight. All of the latter speakers were Republican.

As the meeting was drawing to a close, Attorney J. W. Seymour of Medina mounted the platform, excusing his intrusion by the statement that the meeting was advertised as non-partisan. "Perhaps it is," said Seymour, "but of Democratic persuasion." For the moment Seymour's bon mot seemed happily opportune to some of his listeners, but met the fate of an over-blown bubble as it was soon shown that all the speakers present there was but one Democrat.

Seymour made another momentary hit, but which also met with a tragic fate, when in a triumphant manner he announced that the much-maligned Sam Cole was present in the crowd and could speak for himself. Cole's friends pushed him to the platform, which as circumstances developed, must have seemed to him like a gallows. Clearly embarrassed, Cole made an heroic effort to recite a couplet, but in alluding to the qualifications of the Akron editor for election to Congress, wound up by saying, "Knight is Knight, and that's all there is to it." At this Websterian peroration Cole took a seat on the platform.

Again ascending the platform the irrepressible Seymour struck two discordant notes that brought disaster to him swift and sure. Either one would have done it, and both proved political pulse-testers for his listeners, at least fifty per cent. of whom were of his own party faith.

Referring to the candidacy of Knight, Mr. Seymour said that up to the time of the primaries, he, himself, was for Knight's Republican opponent, Chas. Smoyer. But that since Knight was successful for the nomination and his name had formally been placed on the ticket, he deemed it his duty and the duty of all Republicans to support him, regardless of what he is.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY FINED FOR MISDEMEANOR

Herbert Wagner, 16, of Wadsworth, arrested about three weeks ago on a charge of forgery, was arraigned before Probate Judge VanDeusen on Wednesday, to whom he entered the plea of guilty to a misdemeanor, and was assessed a fine of \$10 and costs together with a sentence of 30 days in jail, the latter part of the sentence being suspended upon the promise of the youth to remain with his father, L. H. Wagner, at home, and behave. Young Wagner admitted to the court having cashed the check alleged to have been forged, but denied being the one who forged it, claiming that he would not have even cashed it had he not been intoxicated at the time.

Following Wagner's arrest, Mayor Boyer of Wadsworth bound the boy over to the grand jury. This, say local officials, was an unwarranted action on the part of Mayor Boyer, the boy being a minor, whereas the latter should have remanded the youth to the probate court. Thus the felonious charge under which young Wagner has been imprisoned amounted to nothing from a legal standpoint, and explains the final disposition of the case.

RUNAWAY BOYS SENT HOME TO PA AND MA

The suspicious actions of three youths in the vicinity of the Bell Creamery Co. last Saturday led to an investigation by Sheriff Bigelow, to whom the boys admitted having run away from their home in Brighton, Pa., some time ago. They told the sheriff they had been following the carnival company which is in Medina this week. They were shabbily dressed and without funds. They were taken to the lockup and their relatives communicated with. The boys gave their names as Clark Thom, James Eakin and Howard Herman, their ages ranging from 14 to 16 years. Thom's brother arrived in Medina on Sunday and took the boys back with him. The latter stated that the boys had been gone about a month and their families had been greatly worried.

LITCHFIELD BOYS BUSY

The boys in the Senior and Junior groups of the Litchfield Y. M. C. A. are making tracks these days as they employ their spare time renovating their Y. M. C. A. quarters. The building will be cleaned and repaired throughout, the inside refinished and made very attractive. Plans are under discussion for fitting up a general community reading room for the boys of Litchfield.

At the organization meeting held on Thursday night the following officers were elected: President, Durwald Knepper; vice president, James Blaine; secretary, Paul Hoffman; treasurer, Clare Sears; sergeant at arms, Harry Street; leader, Herbert Rising; assistant leader, Lewis Almsasser. The Litchfield committee are Adam Rising (chairman), Willis Leach (treasurer), Herbert Rising and A. H. Breyler.

The regular weekly meeting is held on Thursday evening at 7:30. At the last meeting committees were appointed on program, constitution and Bible study by the newly elected president. The local Y. M. C. A. in Litchfield now number about twenty-five boys.

PAYS UP AND LEAVES

Bessie Abernathy, colored, is a free woman. Bessie was indicted by the grand jury for pocket-picking. Later the prosecuting attorney accepted a change of plea from not guilty to guilty of petit larceny, and she was assessed a fine of \$25 and costs and committed to the jail until paid. The payment was not forthcoming until last Friday, when friends came to the rescue, and now Bessie again breathes the fresh air of freedom.

DAVEY CLUB BUSY

Non-partisan meetings by the Young Men's Davey club of Akron were held in Wadsworth last Saturday night, in Spencer on Tuesday night, and in Lodi Wednesday night. W. L. Wilkie, D. C. Stephenson and Jack Moore of Akron were the speakers. Stephenson and Moore are Republicans, Wilkie a Democrat.

The League of Nations, and his first outburst against it proved his Waterloo. The crowd hooted, hissed and howled, until the speaker could no longer be heard, and he was obliged to retire.

Then slowly, one by one, the former speakers mercilessly bombarded the venerable attorney, obviously to his discomfort, but decidedly to the edification of the crowd.

After this tragic scene had been enacted, Mr. Shaw reverted to the Cole episode, kindly, but nevertheless effectively, upsetting the house of cards that Cole had so carelessly erected. Indeed it was performed with such rare finesse withal, that even as the latter writhed, a smile played over his lips, with his ears a deep vermilion, and his face incarnadine.

Republican trailers from Akron were in the crowd, among them, Attorney Paul Russell, a bright and aggressive young fellow, who rushed to the platform and eased himself of a passionate eulogy of the Republican party, incidentally casting reflections upon the good faith of the speakers who had preceded him, but noticeably avoiding a refutation of the direct charges made against Chas. L. Knight.

There were about three hundred people at the meeting, a goodly number of whom were women, the latter apparently getting as much enjoyment out of it as the men.

HEALTH STATION GOES TO PORTAGE

NOTICE OF DECISION RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Hospital at Ravenna the Principal Reason for Turning Down Medina—Only One Rural Station to be Conducted by State Department.

The high hopes that the people of Medina have been indulging in for several weeks that this county would be selected by the State Health Department as the location for the proposed rural health station, have been knocked into a cocked hat, the selection having been decided in favor of Portage county. The decision of the State Department was made known in a letter received on Saturday by County Health Commissioner R. A. Brintnall from Dr. A. W. Freeman, State Commissioner of Health.

While it was known that Portage county was waging an aggressive campaign to secure the station, those most active in trying to secure it for Medina county had been given what they felt were practical assurances that the station would be located here. Not definite assurances, to be sure, but such as might naturally be interpreted as assuring. Hence, considerable disappointment here.

In the letter to Dr. Brintnall, which is given below, several reasons are assigned for favoring Portage county, one of which is that there is a hospital at Ravenna, the county seat. It seems probable that this factor alone was the deciding one.

Regardless of the outcome, however, Medina citizens have the consolation that no stone was left unturned to win the coveted prize. The letter from Dr. Freeman follows:

Dr. R. A. Brintnall, District Health Commissioner, Medina, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Brintnall: I have been engaged for the last ten days in going over the plans for the county health demonstration and in arriving at a decision as to which county should be selected.

It has been an exceedingly difficult matter to decide, and it is with real regret that I have to write that we have decided to select Portage county for the work. The reasons for this selection are briefly these:

Portage county is much better provided with transportation facilities, both railroad, traction and highway, than is Medina county, and it will be much easier to conduct the work there during the winter months. Portage county further has already at Ravenna a hospital, which will greatly simplify the organization and conducting of clinics. These factors have been the decisive ones, since in general characteristics and in the interest manifested locally in the proposition both counties left nothing to be desired.

I hope you will express to the citizens of your county who interested themselves in this matter my very real appreciation, both personally and officially, of their enthusiasm, hospitality and kindness. The reaction of Medina county and of Portage county to our proposal for a demonstration has been one of the most heartening and encouraging things which has ever happened since I became Commissioner of Health. I felt when I returned from Ravenna, as a result of a two-day trip to the two counties, that a new day has really dawned in public health work.

While it is not possible for us to attempt a demonstration in more than one county, I very much hope that your own people will not let this matter drop, but will go ahead and organize for an independent health service. I assure you that you will have our most hearty good wishes and all the support we can give you.

Very truly yours,
A. W. FREEMAN,
Commissioner.

PHYSICIAN AND NURSE EXAMINING PUPILS

For the past week or more County Health Commissioner Brintnall and County Nurse Hanna have been engaged in making physical examination of pupils in various schools of the county. Those so far examined were in Brunswick and Hinckley townships. It is the purpose after these two townships have been served to follow in the schools of Granger and Wadsworth townships, later following up with the other schools until the entire county school system has been traversed. Pupils of the Wadsworth schools were examined by Dr. Brintnall early in the spring.

FUR SEASON LATE

"All hunters and trappers of the fur-bearing animals of this section will do well to delay their catch until after Nov. 15," says J. W. Lyons, veteran fur dealer, of rural route No. 1, "as furs taken this season before that date will have but very little value, owing to the lateness of the season and the very warm weather during October."

LODI CREAMERY BURNS

The Lodi Creamery, operated by the Ohio Dairy Co., was destroyed by fire Monday night. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, covered by \$20,000 insurance. Two hundred and thirty farmers brought their milk to this creamery, which had a monthly pay-out of about \$25,000. The company is to rebuild.

ALDEN PROPERTY DECIDED UPON

AS SITE FOR THE COMMUNITY BUILDING

Price of Dwelling and Lot \$10,000—American Legion Assumes Burden and a Substantial Sum is Ready for Down Payment—Cost Reasonable.

At a meeting of the Community organization held in the council chamber Wednesday evening a decision was made as to the site for the proposed Community building.

A proposition made to the committee by the Medina Masonic order for the sale of the latter's property on the north side of the square, known as the Alden property, was accepted. The purchase price is \$10,000, which includes the dwelling. The lot is approximately 80 ft. wide by 160 ft. deep.

The property will be purchased in the name of the American Legion, at their request, as affording the latter a stimulus for persistent and aggressive work in paying off the debt, at the completion of which the property will be turned over to the Community organization. To make this a workable agreement, however, the Legion will be required to either incorporate or band themselves in a manner that will meet the requirements of law.

A surplus of about \$400 from the recent Chautauque season will be applied to the present Community building fund, and with what is already on hand will make a substantial first payment.

WILL ASK COUNCIL TO BAN AUTO CUT OUTS

The Kiwanis club at its meeting last Friday passed a resolution to ask the Village Council to pass an ordinance forbidding autoists to operate cut-outs within the municipal limits.

It was pointed out that the custom has become so prevalent as to constitute a positive nuisance, and the action of the club in its movement to have this nuisance abated was unanimous. Mayor Harzog expressed himself heartily in favor with the proposed legal restriction and assured the members of the club that his personal as well as official influence would be exerted for its adoption.

It is a common practice for many track drivers and some of those who for the first time have become owners of automobiles, to give notice of their presence by operating the cut-outs, evidently of the belief that the momentary fact might not otherwise become known. The terrific noise thus made is deafening and sufficient to detract the reason of the average individual, and in many cases of sick people it is known to have been particularly distressing, if not actually prolonging their illness.

Council will be asked to pass the ordinance at its next regular meeting.

4500 MEMBERS OF RED CROSS, COUNTY QUOTA

Medina county chapter of Red Cross will seek a membership of 4500 in the Fourth Red Cross Roll Call, November 11 to 25. This quota has been fixed by H. B. Dickson, Roll Call manager for Lake Division.

Chapter quotas have been set with the view of enrolling 1,500,000 members in Lake Division—Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Plans for achieving this goal were completed at conferences of chapter Roll Call directors of the three states at Indianapolis, Louisville and Columbus.

"Let every good American citizen become a member of the Red Cross" is the message of Herbert Hoover, whose relief work abroad during the war brought him into close association with the American Red Cross.

The stupendous foreign and domestic task before the Red Cross in its peace program is one that deserves the support of the American people, he points out in urging a large enrollment.

Churches in Medina and throughout Lake Division have begun plans for the observance of Red Cross Sunday, November 14. From the pulpits of the three states the cause of the Red Cross will be impressed upon many audiences and its vast peace program explained.

"The Red Cross of Peace," the pageant especially written for Lake Division, also will be presented at churches on Red Cross Sunday.

TEMPORARY SHUT-DOWN

The Medina Mfg. Co. has shut down its fly wheel department temporarily on account of shipments being held up by the removal of the Ford Motor Co.'s tractor plant from Dearborn, Mich., to new quarters at River Rouge. The local company has not made any shipments for about two weeks and all of their storage space is filled with finished fly wheels, thus they must discontinue until shipments can be resumed.

STORE CHANGES HANDS

On Wednesday of this week Hobart Edwards disposed of his interest in the Edwards and Rickard grocery to Merle B. Fuller, Stanley B. Rickard and L. H. Rickard, the latter Mr. Edwards' former partner. Mr. Fuller served as clerk in this grocery for some time. All are well-known Medina men.

BLOCK ESCAPE OF SEVEN PRISONERS

While Sheriff J. W. Stevens and his deputy of Portage county, were conveying seven prisoners to the State reformatory at Mansfield, Tuesday morning, in an automobile, the sheriff was assaulted in an attempt by the prisoners to escape.

The trouble occurred on the road between Leroy and Lodi. Near the latter village three of the prisoners, who were handcuffed together in the rear seat, attacked the sheriff and struck him violently with a weapon on the head, cutting a gash and momentarily stunning him. The deputy, who was driving the automobile, ran the machine into the ditch. The prisoners jumped out and started to run away when the machine stopped.

The prisoners attempted to seize Sheriff Stevens' gun, but before they could do so the deputy gained possession of it and rounded up the men. In the melee, it was reported, one of the prisoners was shot through the hand.

Sheriff Stevens obtained a clothes line from a farm-house and bound the seven men in the back seat, where they remained until safely landed in the state institution at Mansfield.

LODI MAN'S FALL FROM LADDER RESULTS FATAL

While Wm. H. Oswald was painting the home of V. A. Homan in Lodi, on Tuesday of last week, the ladder on which he was standing gave way, precipitating him to the ground, a distance of about 35 feet, causing injuries from which he died late Tuesday night. He was injured internally and both wrists were broken.

His widow, two daughters, Mrs. Y. Malcomb of Ashland, Miss Mildred at home, two sons, Clarence of Lodi, and Carl of Akron, and two sisters and three brothers are left.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the home, conducted by Rev. N. H. Flickinger, of the Lodi Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member.

ANOTHER SIGN OF THE POLITICAL TREND

"To get the league going" is the explanation President King, of Oberlin college, gives for joining the "Independence League," composed of former Republicans who expect to vote for Gov. James M. Cox for President. "I have swung to Cox solely because of the league," said King. "I want to get the league going. It is the dominant issue with me. I think if we can only get into the league the other differences will adjust themselves."

SEVILLE "Y" ORGANIZES

The Seville Y. M. C. A. held its organization meeting Tuesday evening at the high school. Officers and leaders were elected for the year and program discussed and mapped out. Jabez Bostwick, who has been leading both Senior and Junior clubs, being unable to lead this year, and Prof. Wagner, the former assistant leader, having left town, it was necessary for the boys to elect entirely new leaders, which are as follows:

Senior group—President, Vern Wheeler; vice-pres., John Michael; secretary, Leonard Eby; treasurer, Ernest Fulton; leader, Clark Davis; assistant leader, H. J. Rex.

Junior group—President, Derwin Hyde; leader, Paul Wilder; assistant leader, H. J. Rex. Other officers to be elected later.

Regular meetings of both groups will be held at the high school, Tuesday evenings at 7:30. The program will consist of regular business meetings, Bible study and special social, educational, or athletic features.

The advisory committee in Seville for the coming year is A. S. Foster (chairman), B. E. Hartman (treasurer), Paul Wilder, Clarence Shumaker, Ralph Bostwick, Clark Davis.

CONTRACTORS JOGGED

Contracts for the improvement of certain of the county roads have dragged so long without fulfillment, that the County Commissioners on Monday directed Clerk Lowe to serve notice on the bondsmen of the different contractors that if the work was not prosecuted at once and the roads completed, that no further extension of time would be granted. The roads in question are the Elyria-Woodstock road, south of Chatham; the Barberton-Greenwich road, west of Lodi, and the Woodstock-Elyria road, south of Litchfield. John Strouse has the contract for the first named strip, and the Ohio Construction Co. for the remaining two.

FELL ON MERRY-GO-ROUND

An accident occurred in the park Monday night about 9:30 that for a short time it was thought might prove fatal. Raymond Morgan, seated on a bench close to the merry-go-round, was playfully throwing confetti at the passengers, when he lost his balance and fell headlong onto the moving amusement platform. He was picked up unconscious and carried to the office of Dr. H. P. H. Robinson, where it was discovered that he had struck on the large cord of his neck. As soon as he revived he was able to leave the office without assistance.

COPLEY MAN FINED

George Kenoff, giving his home as Copley, Ohio, drew a fine of \$100 and costs on a charge of keeping liquor in a public place, when arraigned before Judge O'Neill in municipal court of Akron Monday afternoon.

LEGION CARNIVAL IN FULL SWING

EVERY EVENING A LARGER ATTENDANCE

Excellent Free Attractions, and Concessions Are Doing Good Business—Saturday Night's Revelry To Eclipse the Other Nights.

The big street fair and carnival under the auspices of Courtney Lawrence Post, American Legion, which is being held here this week, opened Monday night, and with every indication that the week's entertainment will fulfill in every particular the promises of those who projected it.

Excepting exhibits, the Medina County Agricultural association has nothing on the American Legion when it comes to pulling off a Fair. And possibly exhibits should not be excepted when one considers the venerable midget woman, Chiquita, who to look at is superior in interest to any of the live stock we have seen on the county fair grounds in some time.

No less than forty tented concessions dot the public square, each one providing varied and ample opportunities for the spending of money, and each apparently getting its share of the moving purses.

Although the crowd on the opening night was very large, the number of people attending has been increasing each night, and with continued good weather it is believed that during the closing hours of the fair on Saturday night the crowd will be perhaps the biggest ever seen at one time on the public square.

Of all the tented attractions Chiquita, the world-renowned midget woman, has unquestionably attracted the greatest attention. She has been appearing before the public for more than a quarter of a century, and is famous not only for her diminutive stature, but for her exceptional mentality and accomplishments, and the thrilling and happy romance of her life. Hundreds are attending nightly the receptions of the midget, Chiquita.

An attraction that appeals alike to old and young is the appearance every evening of the renowned acrobats and contortionists, LaSere and LaSere, for many years with the Barnum & Bailey aggregation. These performers have a very interesting act, which is given on an elevated platform on the east side of the square and to which no admission is charged.

Naturally the ubiquitous merry-go-round is here, and its devotees are loyal from the time the first notes of the orchestra are touched at early evening, until the final revolution of the disc near midnight.

MANY VARIETIES GOOD FOR HOUSEHOLD USE

Among the winter varieties of apples adapted to various purposes, the department of horticulture at the Ohio Experiment Station states that the Northern Spy, Grimes Golden, Baldwin, Jonathan, Rome Beauty, Winesap, York, Sutton and Rambo are good for general cooking purposes.

The Delicious apple, which is much advertised and relished because of its wealth of aroma and lack of acid, is a favorite desert apple but too sweet for any culinary purposes except baking.

White Pippin and Rhode Island Greening are not as good as the other varieties for cooking purposes.

Ben Davis, Gano and Black Ben when carefully stored until spring are fair for either eating raw or cooking. Burying in pits improves the quality of these varieties.

CLEVELAND BUSINESS MEN COMING HERE

Forty members of the manufacturers and wholesale merchants' board of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce will take a two-day trolley trip Oct. 28 and 29, visiting fifteen nearby towns. The object of the excursion is to stimulate the sale of Cleveland-made products in the places visited.

The itinerary of the visitors includes Medina, Lodi and Seville in this county, and the neighboring cities of Mansfield, Ashland, Elyria, Wellington, West Salem, and other points.

It is expected the Cleveland men will reach Medina on Friday, the 29th, and a movement is on foot to provide a cordial reception for them upon their arrival.

HOW DAVEY STANDS

For the information and satisfaction of anyone who may possibly be in doubt as to the position of Congressman Martin L. Davey on the prohibition question, we publish the following excerpt from a letter recently written by Mr. Davey to Mr. E. C. Wilbur, rural route No. 7, Medina:

"You will note that I have voted for the Prohibition Enforcement bill, other wise known as the Volstead act. I voted for this bill not less than six or eight times. You will find that my voting record on this subject is consistently favorable.

"As a matter of fact I have always voted dry as a private citizen. I expect to continue to vote in favor of prohibition enforcement as long as I am in Congress and to oppose any attempt to weaken or destroy the Prohibition Enforcement law."

—With two solicitors who have not yet made their canvass and eight others who have made but a partial report, the total promised for the library to date is \$1,046.